

HARDINGS PLAN QUIET CHRISTMAS

President and Mrs. Harding to
Arise Early Monday
to View Gifts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(By I. N. S.)—The White House was today daily attired with Christmas decorations.

While Christmas will be observed with strictest simplicity, because of Mrs. Harding's illness the mansion, however, has been banked beautifully with holiday greens, mistletoe, holly wreaths and flowers.

In every window Mrs. Harding had placed a holly wreath, intertwined with a red ribbon. The stock room and private parlors have been loaded with green fern, palms and roses.

There will be no Christmas tree nor house guests at the White House this year. Mrs. Harding does not yet feel well enough to entertain even her closest friends and for that reason plans a very quiet Christmas.

She hopes, however, to be able to eat Christmas dinner with the president in one of the private dining rooms on the first floor.

For the last two days messenger boys literally have flooded the White House with gifts. The presents, received from friends all over the United States and a few in foreign countries, have been hidden away until Christmas day, when it is expected the President and Mrs. Harding will be up early to open the packages in the private study.

Every mail delivery brings new batches of Christmas cards from friends in every section of the world. Neither the President nor Mrs. Harding will disclose the gifts which they will exchange on Christmas Day, each wanting to surprise the other.

South Bend Man Nabbed in Dowagiac, Freed on Bonds

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Dec. 24.—John M. Doyle, South Bend man, who was ambushed by Sheriff Sherman Wyman near here Thursday night and arrested with Thomas Jacobus on a charge of possessing liquor, obtained his freedom from the county jail on Saturday by furnishing bonds of \$500.

Clayton M. Bristle of South Bend went on Doyle's bond in the Justice court of Eber Reynolds at Cassopolis.

Jacobus, also of South Bend, waived examination in lower court and was bound over to Circuit court. He is held on \$1,000 bond. Doyle asked for an examination which was set for Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The men were arrested when they were making an alleged delivery of liquor to a supposed customer, but who was an informer of Sheriff Wyman's. Officers hid in an empty house, three miles west of Dowagiac. When Jacobus and Doyle arrived with the liquor, the officers seized them.

Doyle is expected to plead innocence of liquor violation on the ground that he was merely a passenger in the automobile.

Dowagiac Faces Bread War as Result of South Bend Rise

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Dec. 24.—Dowagiac may stage a bread war of its own, following the recent increase in the price of this product made by South Bend bakers. The local market has been influenced by South Bend and the price was increased from 10 to 13 cents here recently.

Local grocers announce they have signed contracts with bakers in other cities and will sell bread for 10 cents, as before.

Dowagiac bakers followed the increase of South Bend concerns and are selling bread at a wholesale price which demands 13 cents over the counters.

Dowagiac Residents in Rush for New Licenses

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Dec. 24.—Because Chief of Police W. M. McGowan has announced that no automobile will be permitted to operate after Jan. 1 without the new 1923 license tags, local motorists are making a rush to get their new tags.

Ezra Rutherford, county treasurer-elect, in charge of distributing licenses, has visited Dowagiac for the convenience of local motorists who would otherwise be required to go to Cassopolis.

Mr. Rutherford will be at the Lee State bank next Wednesday and at the Dowagiac National bank on Friday of next week, this latter appearance being his last trip to Dowagiac.

Masked Bandits Shoot Paymaster; Take Cash

MITCHELL, Pa., Dec. 24.—Four masked bandits today held up an automobile bearing Ross Peckham, paymaster for the Pittsburgh Coal Co., and three guards, shot and probably fatally injured Peckham and escaped with \$20,000 in cash. The bandits escaped.

Late Mail Trains Add to Warsaw Carriers Burdens

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 24.—Pennsylvania mail trains today were several hours late arriving here. As a result rural mail carriers, who usually start on their routes at 8 a. m., did not leave the postoffice until 10 a. m. The Christmas mail this year is heavier than ever before, according to Postmaster O. B. Kilmer.

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WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 24.—Harry R. Kern, Indianapolis physician and Miss Vern Angeline Kern, daughter of William Kern of Silver Lake, procured a marriage license here yesterday.

WYATT

Mrs. John Geta of Morton, Ill., is spending the Christmas vacation with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Shearer.

Mrs. L. A. Kuhn made a business trip to the city Saturday.

The Wyatt Sunday school will give a Christmas program at the Christian church Monday evening, Dec. 25.

Christmas programs were given at the various schools in this section Friday afternoon. Schools will reopen January 1.

Albert Bendit of Mishawaka spent Sunday with home folks here.

Henry Souders has purchased the elevator interest of Samuel Gerber.

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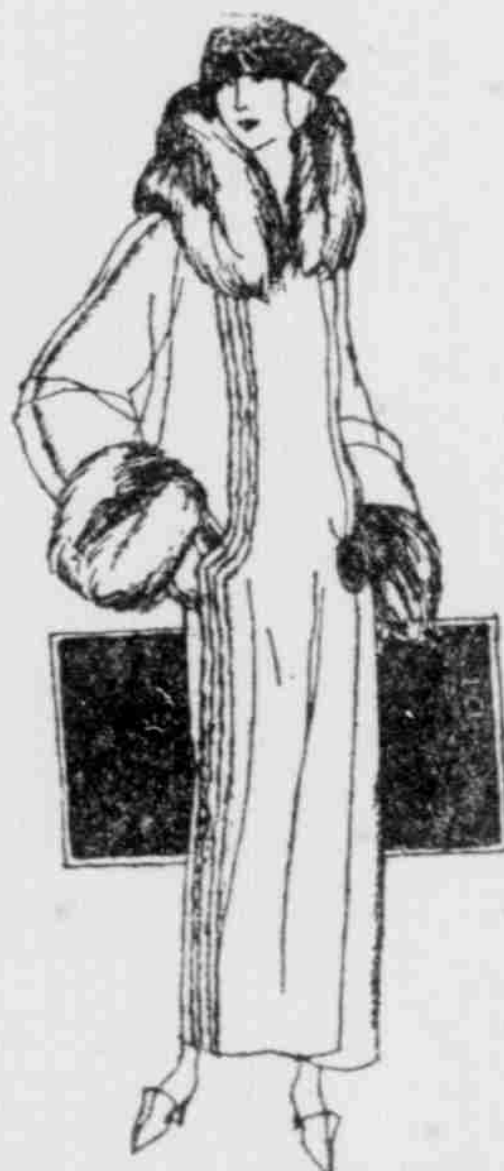
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